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1. On 13 November 1950 there were about 400 troops in the Pioneer Kaserne on the south side of Selauerstrasse, Weissenfels (N 52/J 99). Each barracks building was occupied by about 100 men. The troops wore red-bordered black epaulets, about 25 percent of them wearing tank insignia. About 20 trucks, including [REDACTED] were parked between the garages. [REDACTED] were also seen in the billeting area. No training activity was observed.
2. The Infanterie Kaserne on the north side of Selauerstrasse was occupied by about 500 troops wearing black-bordered red epaulets. About 200 troops, flanked by a 15-man band, assembled in the yard. About 20 officers were in the formation. The troops did not seem to be recruits. About 80 trucks and several jeeps were parked in the billeting area. [REDACTED] because of lack of space in the garages. [REDACTED] Three tank trucks, allegedly delousing vehicles, were parked at the PX building in the western section of the billeting area.

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Comment. On 17 October 1950 [REDACTED] that activities in the Infanterie Kaserne had increased in comparison with the summer months and that the Pioneer Kaserne was occupied by about 400 troops. [REDACTED] At that time it was inferred that some elements of the units of the 57th Gds Ltz Rifle Div which are stationed in Weissenfels, had returned from the Kindel troop training grounds. The remaining troops presumably arrived in the intervening period. The two barracks installations are believed to quarter the 174th Gds Ltz Rifle Regt and the 17th Gds Tank Regt, both of the 57th Gds Ltz Rifle Div. According to their numbers, the five trucks seen in the Infanterie Kaserne belonged to the 13th AAA Div. However, vehicles of this division have never been observed in the installation.

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